

A tall, cylindrical metal structure with a spiral staircase and a blue cylindrical object on top, surrounded by greenery and people working on it. The structure is made of metal mesh and has a spiral staircase on the side. A blue cylindrical object is mounted on top. The structure is surrounded by greenery and people are working on it. The background is a dark, overcast sky with some trees and a building visible in the distance.

Futures Literacy Through Arts-Based Processes

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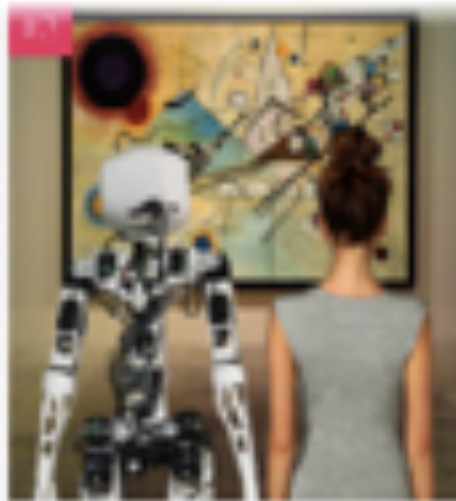
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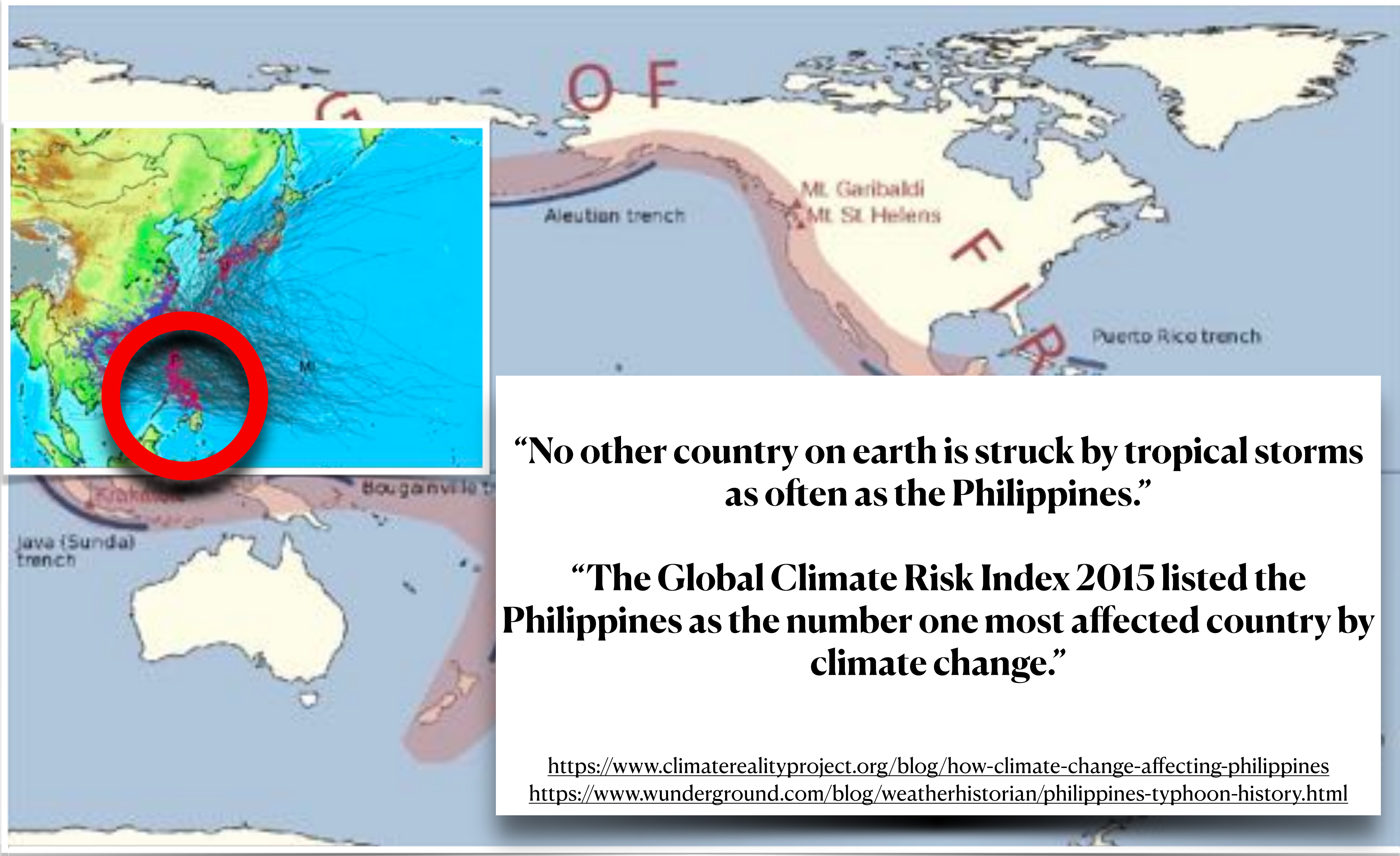
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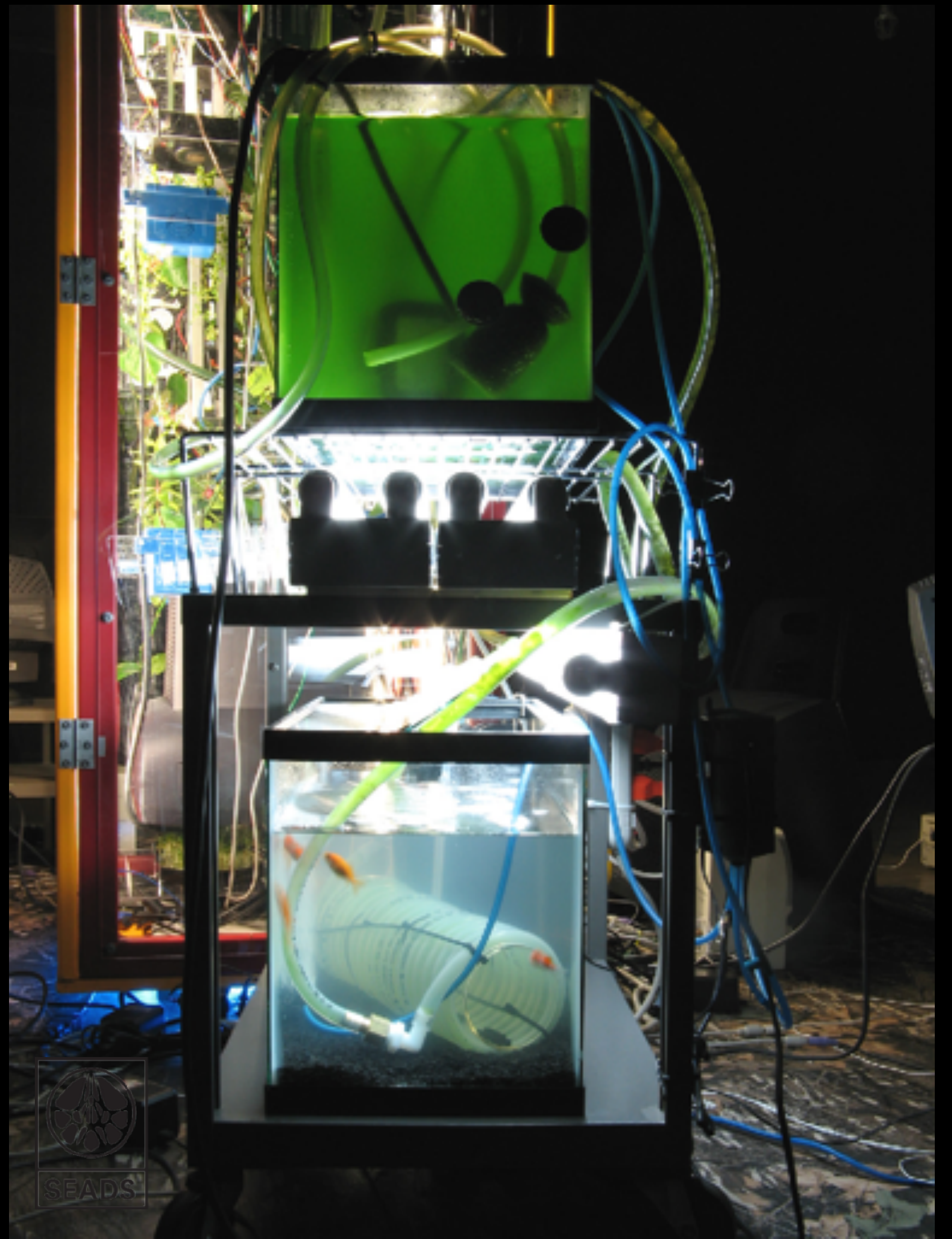
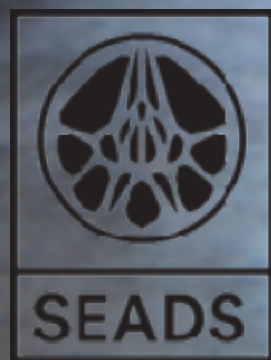
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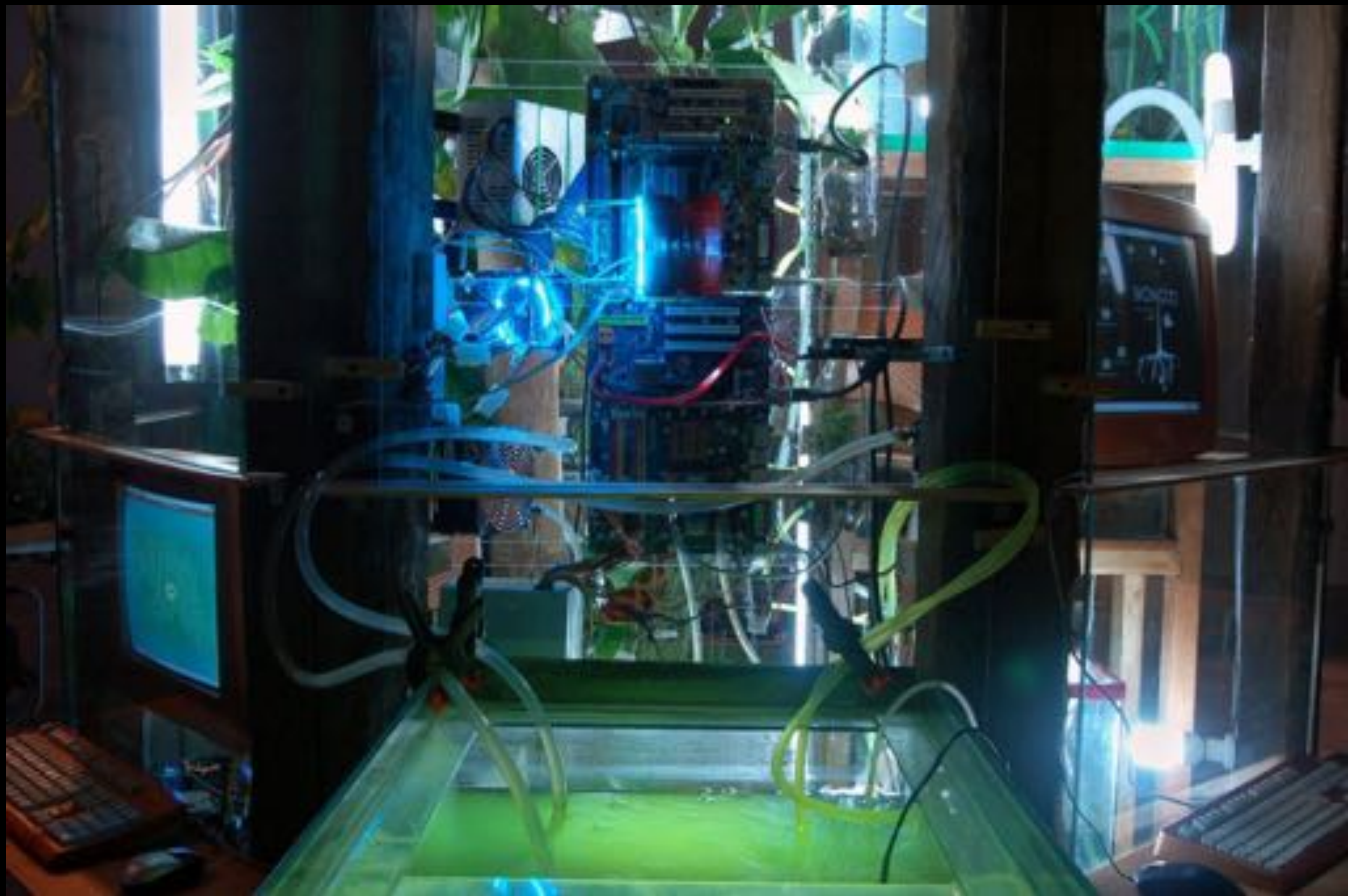
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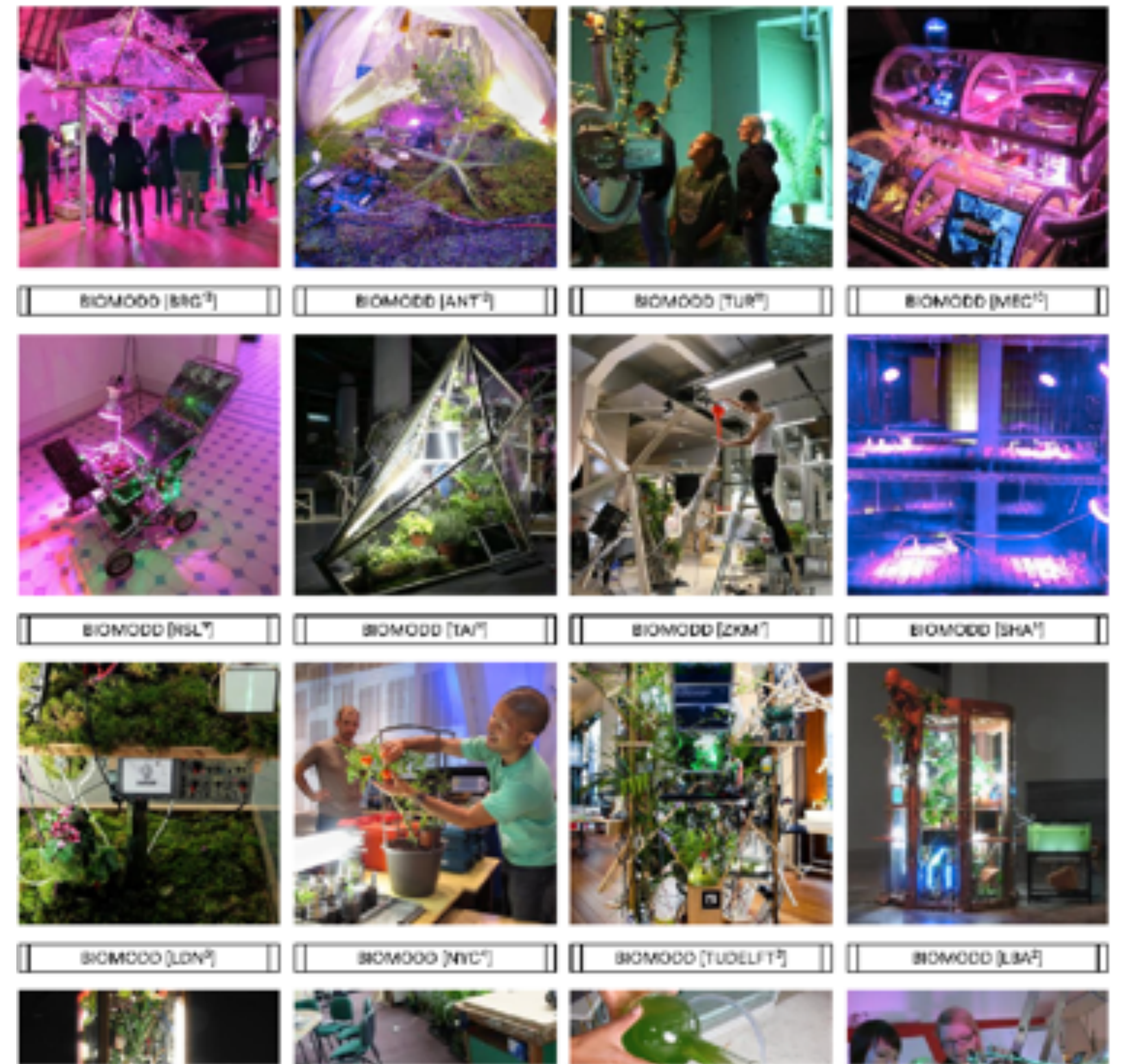


Global series of art installations in which computer technology and ecology converge. Computer networks built from upcycled computer components are provided with living internal ecosystems. In a symbiotic exchange, plants and algae live alongside electronics and use the latter's waste heat to thrive. Sensors and robotics provide additional interaction possibilities with the organisms.









Maranan, D. S., & Vermeulen, A. (2015). When Ideas Migrate: A Postcolonial Perspective on Biomodd [LBA2]. Proceedings of the 21st International Symposium on Electronic Art, Session 21. http://archives.isea-web.org/?page_id=95

Seeker: DIY Starship

<https://seads.network/hyperproject/seeker>

resources

-  Studio Time – Future Thinking in Art and Design: Co-Creating Diversified Futures
-  The starships of the future won't look anything like Star Trek's Enterprise
-  TED Talk about Seeker and HI-SEAS

Seeker is a worldwide series of co-created starship sculptures that evolve over time. In this community art project participants are invited to fundamentally rethink the future of human habitation and survival. Participants build self-sustainable systems simulating interstellar exploration using the methodology of co-creation. This is achieved by radically interconnecting technology, ecology and people, while at the same time tapping into local traditions

Nasser, M., Esteves, A. M., Vermeulen, A. C. J., Maranan, D. S., Peeters, A., & Steyaert, P. (2021, October). Diversifying the concept of analogue missions to explore and evaluate new concepts for future space missions. 72nd International Astronautical Congress, Dubai.



SEEKER [DV¹]



SEEKER [HS²]



SEEKER [EH³]



SEEKER [LJ⁴]

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BIODIVERSITY TOWER

A community art project by SEADS, Compostmeesters Willebroek & Kris Mys



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Community composting by the Compostmeesters Willebroek

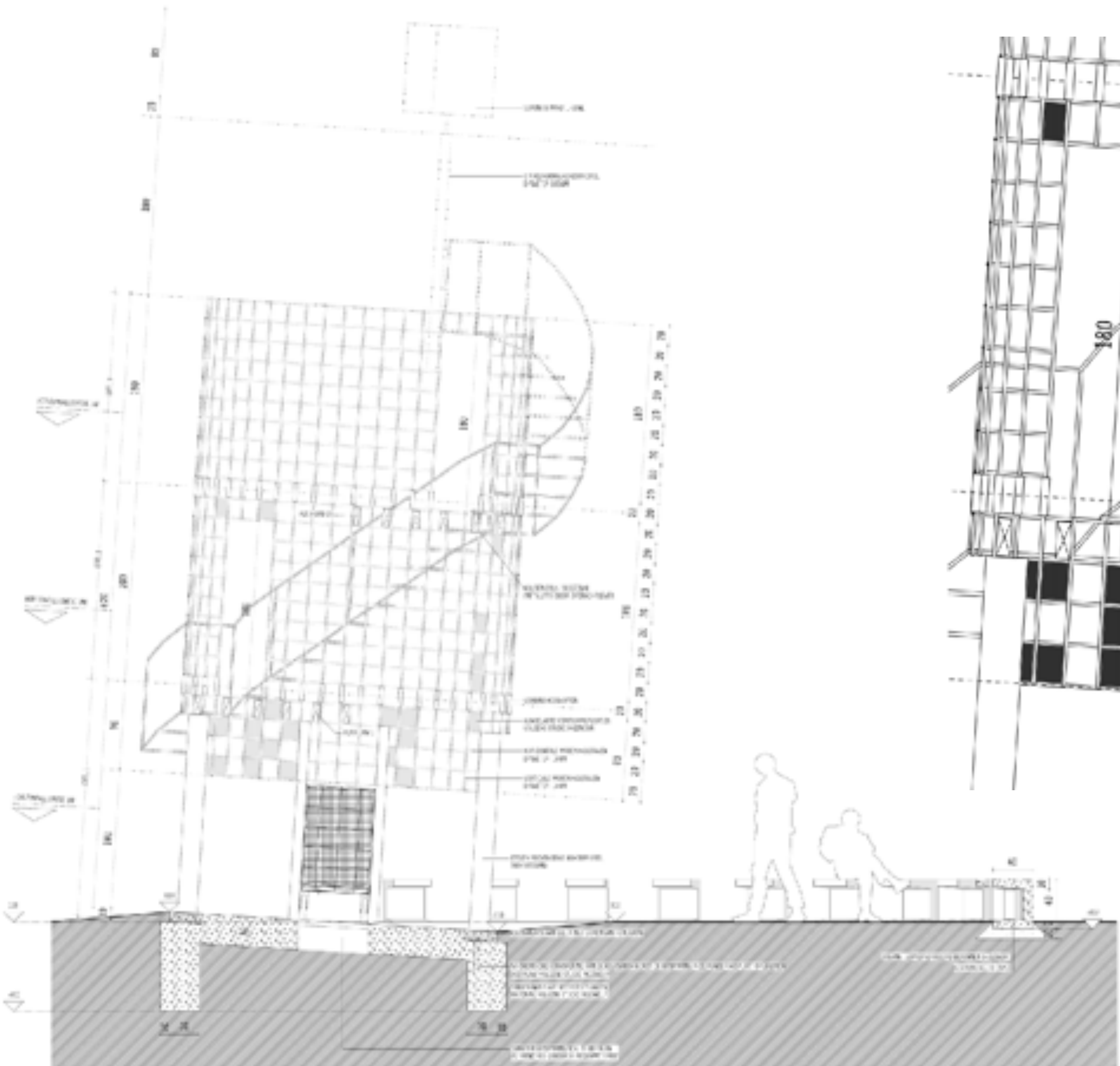


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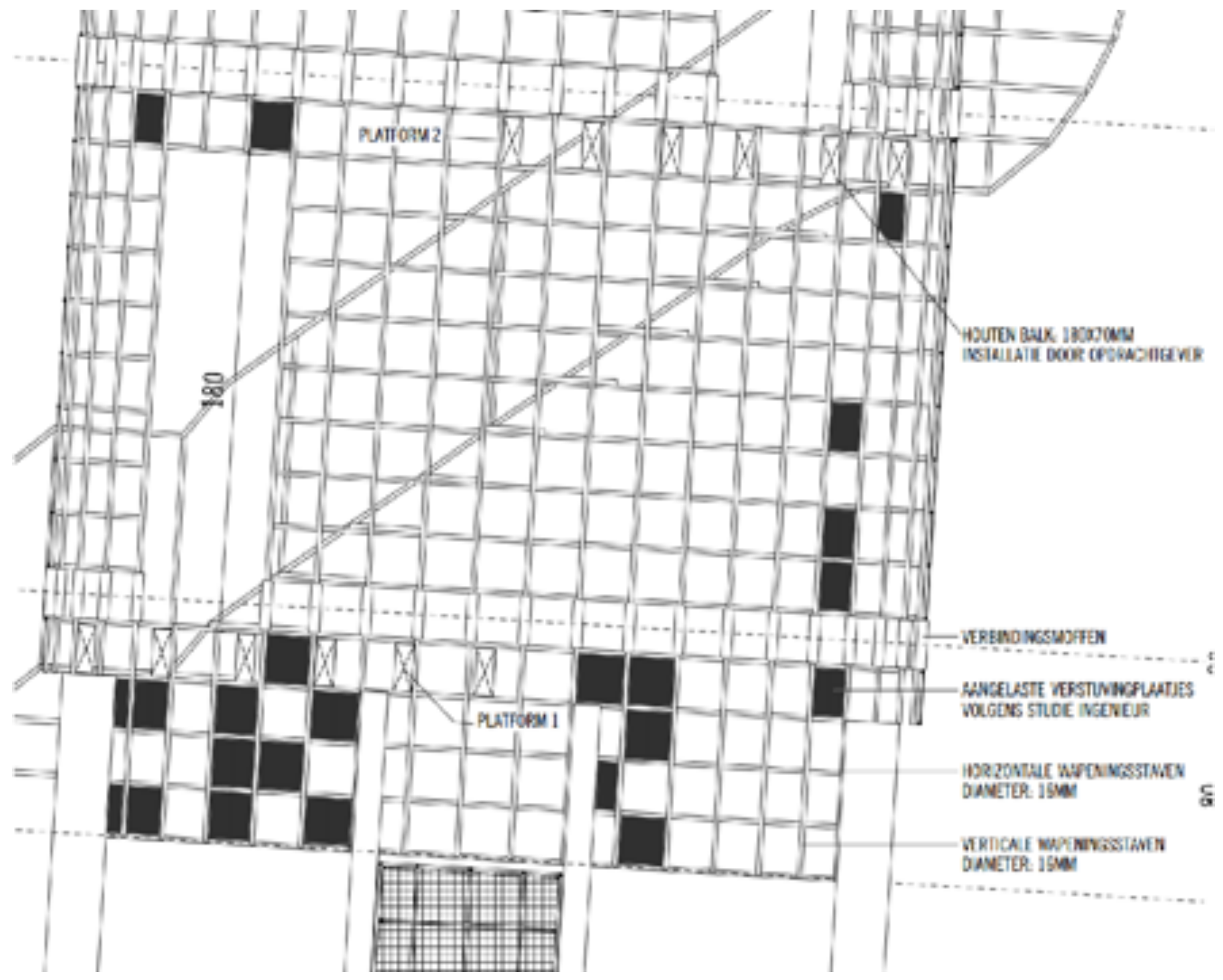


PLANTS WATER COMPOST





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SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
 Technical drawings of the tower structure



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Foundations and construction process



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Adding floor and terrace support; interior of the tower structure with spiral staircase



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Adding characteristic insect hotel materials



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Adding plants and adjusting the internal organization of the tower



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Surrounding social housing tower blocks



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Borehole drilling at the foot of the tower



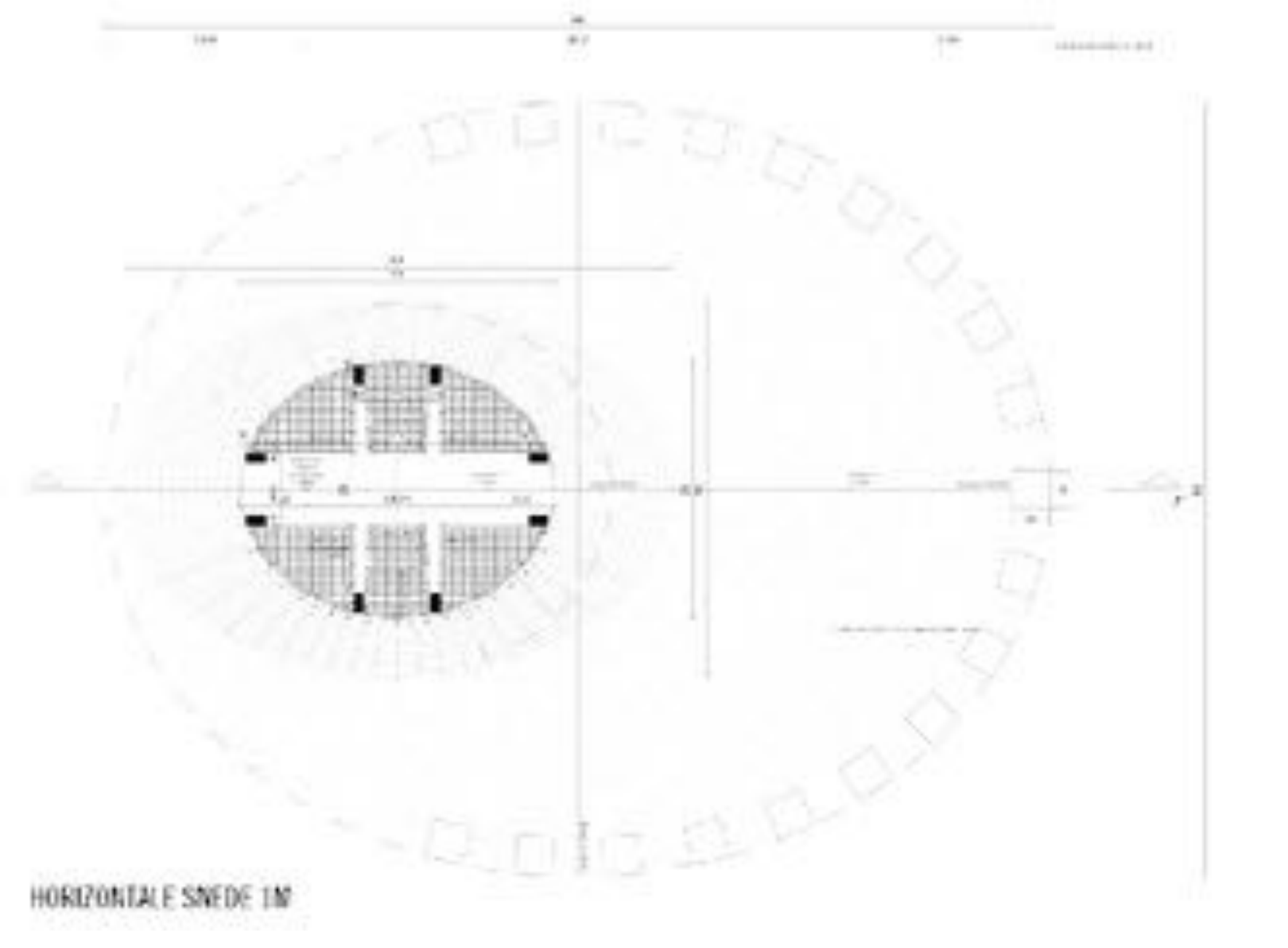
SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Installment of Savonius wind turbine for the water pump



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Recovery and redirection of bacterial compost heat throughout the tower ecosystem



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Carpenter bee, ladybug and European rhinoceros beetle (with larva)



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Public seating area around the tower



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Educational activities organized by Cultural Centre De Ster



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Biodiversity city parade by school children inspired by the project, Willebroek, 2014



SEADS, Kris Mys & Compostmeesters Willebroek, *Biodiversity Tower*, 2015
Official project inauguration, 27 September 2015

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Futures Literacy

"Full of revelations for everyone who cares about the legacy they leave." —**The Edge**, U2

The Good Ancestor

A RADICAL PRESCRIPTION FOR LONG-TERM THINKING

The most important question we must ask ourselves is, "*Are we being good ancestors?*"
—polio vaccine creator **JONAS SALK**



Roman Krznaric
Author of *Empathy*

“Tempus Nullius”: a new kind of colonization

The tug of war for time



Six drivers of short-termism

Tyranny of the Clock
the acceleration of time since the Middle Ages



Digital Distraction
the hijacking of attention by technology



Political Presentism
myopic focus on the next election



Speculative Capitalism
volatile boom-bust financial markets



Networked Uncertainty
the rise of global risk and contagion



Perpetual Progress
the pursuit of endless economic growth



Six ways to think long

Deep-Time Humility
grasp we are an eyeblink in cosmic time



Legacy Mindset
be remembered well by posterity



Intergenerational Justice
consider the seventh generation ahead

Cathedral Thinking
plan projects beyond a human lifetime



Holistic Forecasting
envision multiple pathways for civilisation



Transcendent Goal
strive for one-planet thriving



From *The Good Ancestor: How to Think Long Term in a Short-Term World* by Roman Krznaric. Graphic design by Nigel Hawtin.

How can we develop empathy
with the future?

Future self
Future others
Future world

LigtasPad (by Prodjx Artist Collective)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdqwVWUyopY>

Transfigurations (by Agi Haines)

<https://www.agihaines.com/transfigurations>



Thermal epidermiplasty

Extending the skin on the scalp increases the surface area for faster heat dissipation. With the increase in global warming this child would be able to withstand working in high temperatures due to the higher number of veins near the surface of the skin.





“...when making important long-term decisions, vivid representations of one’s future self should increase the future-orientation of saving decisions.”

Hershfield, H. E. (2011). Future self-continuity: How conceptions of the future self transform intertemporal choice. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1235(1), 30–43. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1749-6632.2011.06201.x>

Clinical Trials for Interplanetary Missions



Speculative design + imaginative role-playing for evolving scientific processes in preparation for the deep future.

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Engines of Eternity: ISS

<https://seads.network/hyperproject/-engines-of-eternity>



Ongoing series of interactive installations focusing on a remarkable microscopic aquatic animal — Rotifera— and how it can provoke audiences to reflect on themes of cultural diversity and immortality. In December 2019, SEADS sent a visual artwork together with a rotifer experiment to the International Space Station via a SpaceX rocketship, as part of a collaboration w/ the lab of Prof. Karine Van Doninck at the University of Namur.



Royal Institute of Theatre, Cinema, and Sound Winter School 2022: Climate Change and the new Space Race



For the Winter School 2022, the interesting tension between the climate crisis on the one hand and the new space race on the other will be explored. As the world groans under the effects of the disruption of our planetary ecosystem, billionaires fly to space to experience weightlessness for mere minutes. Both dystopia and utopia seem present in our lives in theatrical ways. But is this rhetorical opposition between a collapsing Earth and the excesses of technology as simple as it seems? Can we, as humans, even bring the world to harmony at all? And isn't it precisely space exploration that helps us to fundamentally improve our understanding of Earth and take care of our planet? Discussing and reshaping our future requires surrendering to ambiguity and breaking with entrenched paradigms.



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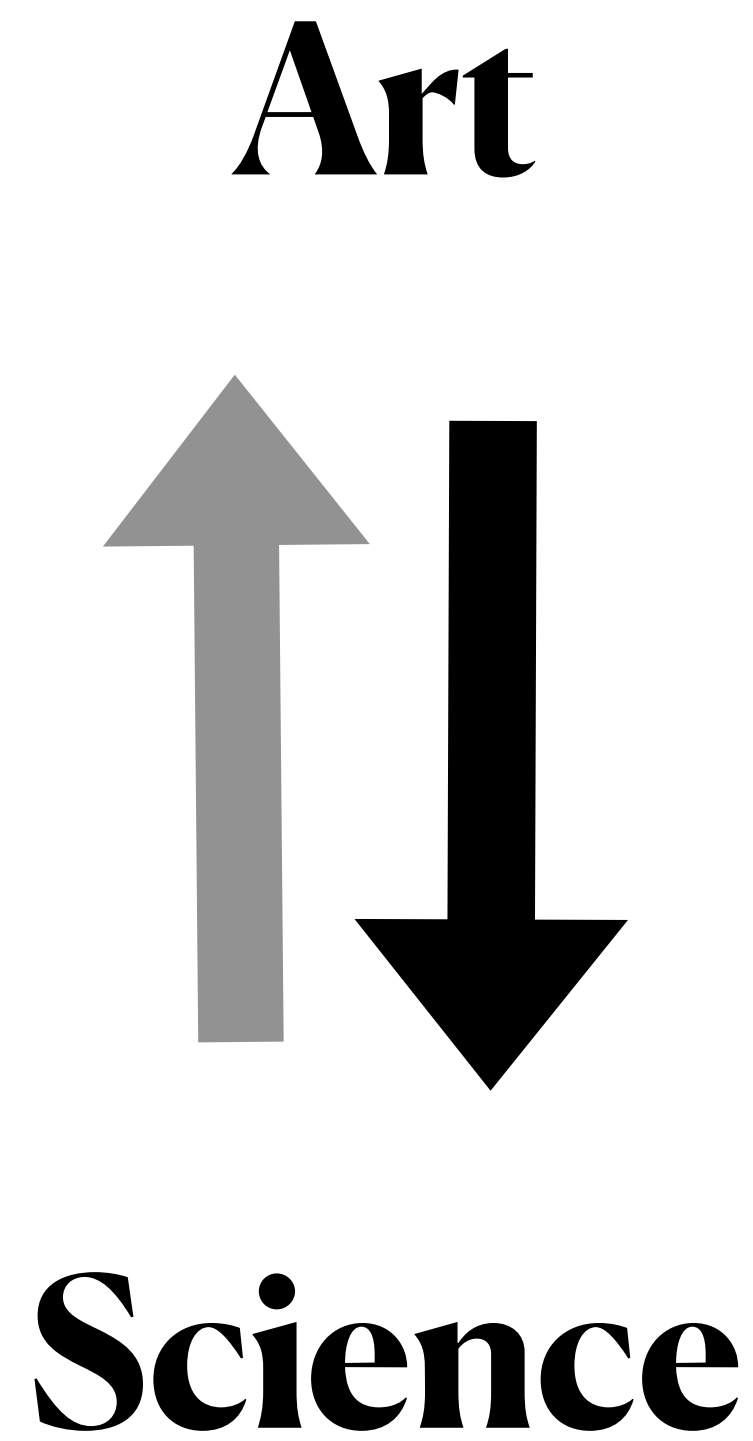
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The Research Challenges

Research Challenge 1	Research Challenge 2	Research Challenge 3	Research Challenge 4	Research Challenge 5	Research Challenge 6
					
Designing the world for aging	Self-care kit for service and support workers	Environmental Empathy	Fixing Social Media	Transformative Education for All	Reimagining Sustainability





Science By Way of Art

Exploring collaborations between the arts and the sciences in the Philippines

Interdisciplinary | Transdisciplinary | Para-disciplinary | Multi-disciplinary

Do any of the following statements ring true for you?

<p>I am an artist in the Philippines who</p>	<p>I am a scientist in the Philippines who</p>	<p>My background is in the arts and humanities...</p>
<p>collaborates / has collaborated with science and technology researchers and practitioners; or</p> <p>incorporates scientific and technological research into my artistic / creative work; or</p> <p>is involved in other kinds of art-science collaborative projects.</p>	<p>collaborates / has collaborated with artists when conducting research projects; or</p> <p>uses scientific methodologies for research in or practice involving the arts and humanities; or</p> <p>is involved in other kinds of science-art collaborative projects.</p>	<p>... but my work in the Philippines has impact on scientific knowledge or practice.</p>

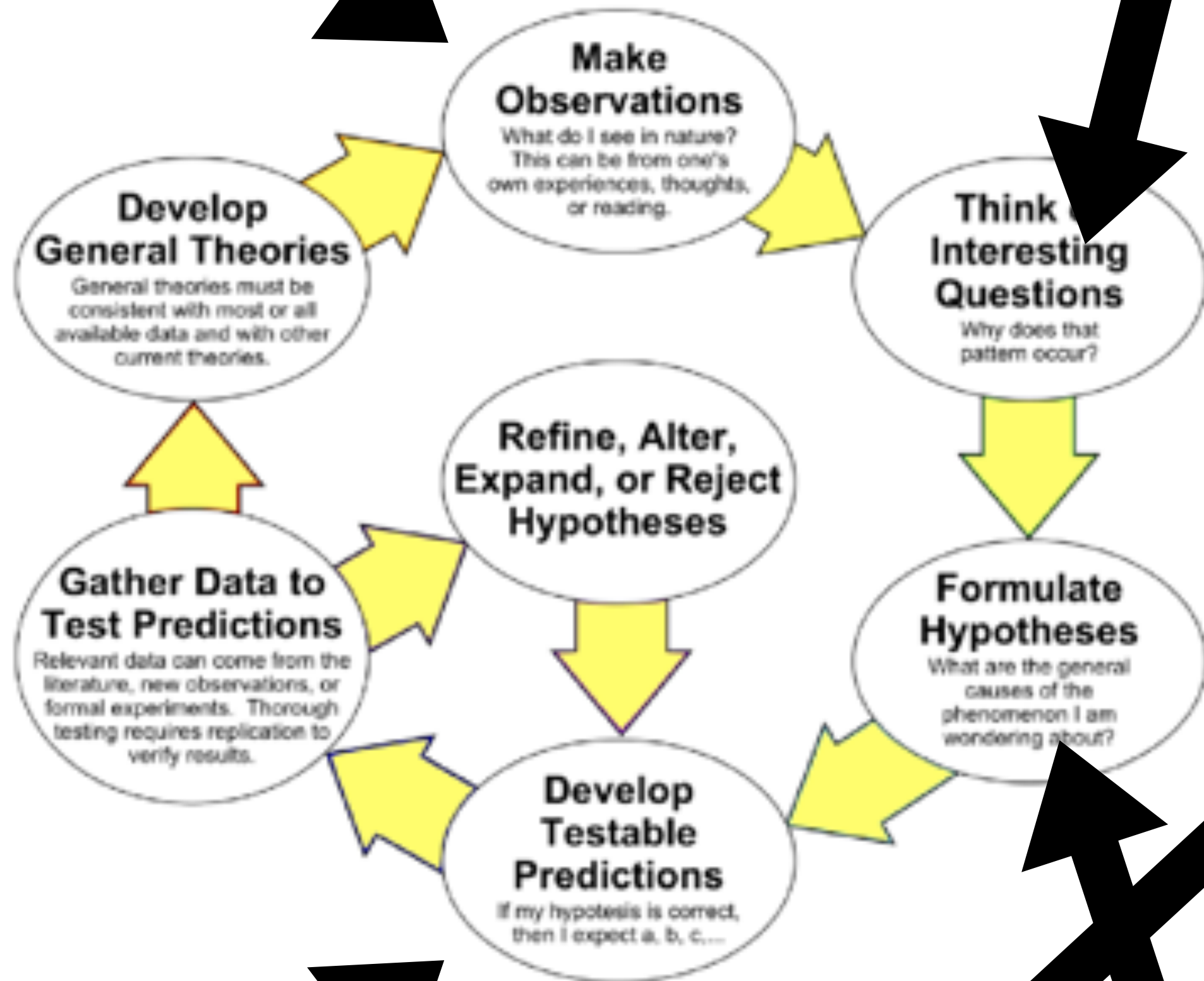
If yes, we would love to learn more about your work.

Broadening discussion on creative economies and cultural industries



Can the arts and humanities make science better?

The Scientific Method as an Ongoing Process



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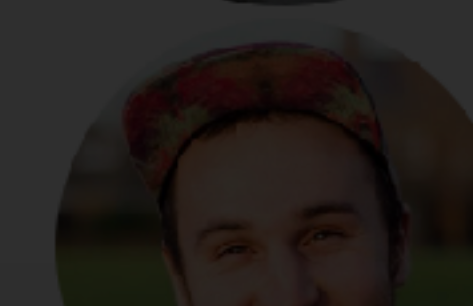
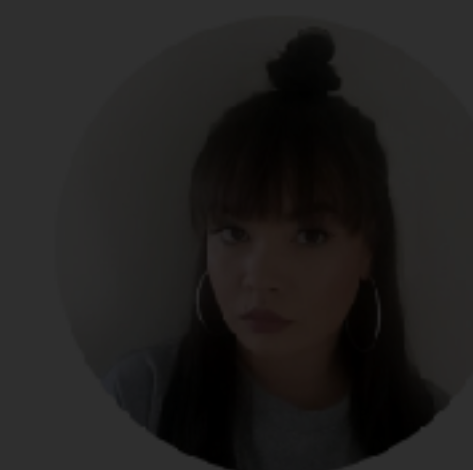


6.2.1 Skills for Working at the Science-Policy Interface. (2019, July). EU Science Diplomacy. <https://www.s4d4c.eu/topic/6-2-1-science-and-diplomacy-between-different-worlds/>



SEADS (Space Ecologies Art and Design) is a transdisciplinary and cross-cultural collective of artists, scientists, engineers and activists. Its members come from all corners of the world, from places such as the Philippines, Malaysia, Kosovo, Belgium and the US. SEADS is actively engaged in deconstructing dominant paradigms about the future and develops alternative models through a combination of critical inquiry and hands-on experimentation.

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